Bangkok Nov. 6. 1843.

My dear and steemed Mother. I have just been thinking, that among all my Kindred and friends with whom I correspond there is no one to whom I have not written once or more since I have been favored with any communications from them. I am sometimes almost ready to fear that perhaps my letters owing to their frequency and triality of interesting matter may have become burdensome to some who have heretofore favored me with their correspondence. I have sometimes felt myself in somewhat of a dilemma as to whom I ought to write. Indeed I have been almost half inclined to think that for the present time in me might be wisdom. But from yourself I can not reasonably expect frequent if any replies to my letters, and therefore I feel more freedom in writing you in the want of them. The Lord continues to favor me in regard to my health and voice, though the latter is yet imperfect and it is sometimes hard work to preach. I trust also he does yet refresh my soul with the consolations of his grace, and in the absence of former stories of happiness of an earthly character, he, as I hope, often makes me happy in communion with himself. I have also some ground to hope that I am not left wholly without evidence that his blessing accompanies my humble labors. I am now at Brother Caldwells, waiting on himself and wife both of whom have lately been very ill, but we hope are now improving. Pleas to inform Bro. and Sister Smith that Mrs Maria Slopter has this day been married to a gentleman of Scotch descent Capt. D Brown and may perhaps, tomorrow leave with them for London. He is an enterprising, affable man, but a man of the world. The choice our Sister has made has been a trial to our hearts. They will recollect that herself and husband called upon them

on their way to Boston in preparatory to their leaving for Siam Mrs French, widow of the Rev R French ~~has~~ takes passage in his vessel for St Helena, hoping there to find a ship bound for Boston. She is a wise and judicious woman, and a visit greatly believed by us all. She returns home for the sake of her fatherless little boy. Her mother resides in Concord New Hampshire. Perhaps some one of my friends in Gouverneur may wish to write to her after her arrival, therefore I give her full name Sarah B. French. The Lord is trying us in various ways. Would that we might thereby be humbled, purified, and better prepared for his mercies among this perishing people. As to our general prospects of usefulness among this dying people there is no particular change. We are a feeble and in various ways afflicted band, but if the Lord delight in us to help us he can make us powerful to the overthrow of the strong holds of Satan. Without him we can do nothing. — — — — — — — —

I want very much to hear from Bro. and Sister Sikes. Will you not try and persuade them to write to me. Since Providence has left me alone, the number of my correspondents has been small, and I fear it may become yet smaller. In my solitary hours you and others in Gouverneur are often on my heart. The Lord lift upon you the light of his countenance and grant you peace, and may it be your privilege to see Zion built up in your midst, beautified and made glorious. At present I can not well write to Father and mother Fowler at the Eastward. After the perusal of this hasty letter, would you be so kind as to allow them to read it. They and their dear Children are much often on my heart before God. — — — — —

I have yet heard nothing respecting the arrival of the box directed to Bro. Smith, and which left here in Oct. 1841. and I think left Singapore for America in ~~Dec~~ February following. Among other things it contained Manual letters to me, and my missionary journal, copied by myself and in connection with remarks of my own forming a humble memoir of a portion of my life. I fear some vicissitude ~~has~~ it has failed to reach its destination. But I would leave the matter with God. The last intelligence I received from Gouverneur left Brother Smith in rather poor health, and I consequently long to hear from them. I must close with the assurance of my love to all ~~also~~ my Kindred and friendly in Gouv. and my earnest desire for their temporal and ~~eternal~~ welfare —

Your affectionate Son
Stephen Johnson —

Gouverneur
April 23 1844

My dear Mrs Fowler

I fear ere this you have been led to conclude that I had forgotten my promise to visit you upon my return from Pulaski for several weeks my health was such that I was unable to come & before the traveling became good Mrs Anthony wished me to spend a few weeks with her she is in delicate health & knows not how to spare me. I often think of you & most sincerely long to visit you & shall endeavor to embrace the first opportunity

I received this letter several weeks since was in hopes I should be able to bring it myself but I fear I shall not see you for several weeks to come I thought best to send it by mail Do we think enough of his solitude cheer him by our communications & strengthen his hands & encourage his heart by our prayers I am often affected with the filial affection Mr Johnson manifests to us as Parents & am my great fear I do not repay his kindness do you ar none of your family write him often

Rev S. Johnson
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My best respects to Esq Fowler your dear children & Mrs King & accept a large share for yourself
Esq Smith has been quite feeble for several weeks the rest of your friends here are in usual health & send their kind salutations

from your friend
Mary S Fisher